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A Noah's Ark Coming by Rail to Crook County

Prineville, Or.

Dear Santa:

Please send us a Noah's Ark with real live animals in it.

Dorothy (Lawson) McCall.

This must have been the message that the bewhiskered old gentleman received from Mrs. Henry E. McCall of Prineville, Or.

Certainly the wireless took the message to some one, for somewhere between Egypt, Mass., and Prineville, Or., there is a regular Noah's Ark on wheels, with one of the finest assortments of live animals that the Yuletide ever brought.

Anyhow, the message found its way to Mrs. McCall's father, Thomas W. Lawson, and the farmer, financier and all-around disturber of the peace of Standard Oil and Wall Street generally responded with the same generous spirit with which he delivers broadsides to his opponents.

"Tom" Lawson is the copper king of Boston, and a man of many millions—with as much aggressiveness in the world of business and finance as he has dollars. That is his role in Boston; at Egypt, which is near the Plymouth Rock on which the Pilgrims landed and prayed, he has probably the most wonderful farm in the world. There may be found nearly everything—blooded stock of all descriptions, the finest of fowls, and the finest of flowers. In fact, Mr. Lawson has probably won more prizes with his exhibits than any farmer in America.

It was on this magnificent estate—"Dreamwold," it is called—that Mrs. McCall grew up with a love for the out-of-doors. And it was there that, in 1910, the famous "snow wedding" took place, when Dorothy Lawson became the wife of Henry E. McCall.

McCall is the son of a former congressman from Massachusetts, and the newlyweds came to Oregon to start their new life. Now there are two more McCalls—both boys.

Here is what "Santa" Lawson found for the Noah's Ark:

Three heifers and a bull;
Two Jersey and two Holstein cows;

Five gentlemen hogs;
An assortment of Chesapeake Bay terriers.

A pair of collies;
An English bull dog;
A pair of full blooded cats—field ratters;

A flock of champion hens;
A half dozen of prize winning pigs.

And everything in the list is of the best in its class; and that class is the championship class.

The total value of the animals is at least \$25,000, and with them the McCalls will stock their ranch in Crook county.

At Dreamwold Mrs. McCall was trained under the watchful eye of her father, and that, combined with a natural love for animals and nature, has made her most expert. She not only knew every animal on her father's place by name, but she also makes every animal a pet—regardless of its ancestry. It is safe to say that once the housing of this assortment is completed, Mrs. McCall will set about their christening.

No ordinary transportation would do for these animals, and special care had to be taken so that the Noah's Ark would be a great modern one, and the animals have all the care that it was possible to give them.

Hence the best "animal palace car" that could be found was procured for them, and the animals and the rest of the livestock have a chance to comfortably live and view the scenery on their long "voyage" from Massachusetts to Oregon.

They are accompanied by men to look after their every need. The head herdsman is also a veterinarian and he has a full supply of each and every medicine that might be needed. They are not accustomed to traveling, and thus more especial care must be used. Animals, like human beings—more so in the case of blooded animals—are so closely bred that they have to be guarded like so many babies.

For many days before the shipment, the head herdsman, P. H. Robinson, who has a name for every animal at the Massachusetts Dreamwold, saw to it that every member of the party was carefully looked after, and that the dogs were in especially good shape.

The prize cattle, worth at least \$10,000, had the same attention as the dogs. The Yorkshire pigs, the Cheshire, the Berkshires, the Poland-China and Tamworth pigs had the attention they needed, for these pigs have never lived in the ordinary styes. They were all put into the most ultra condition of pigdom. And, judging from the glee-



ful snorts with which they entered the car, they were highly elated at the prospect of a journey to a new and faraway home, and to snort dis-

dainfully at any lesser pigs that they might sight on the way.

The flock of egg laying Plymouth Rock hens that Lawson picked out

from among his thousands; the two pet cats of old Virginia stock, which in addition to boasting of a First Family of Virginia pedigree, have

A Good Sum Raised on Tag Day

Tag Day netted the public schools of Prineville \$68.95.

The eight pupils that sold the highest number of tags are: Lois Stewart 43, Violet Mills 31, Dorris Claypool 23, Ogden Mills 18, Mildred Dishman 18, Estelle Conway 18, Collins Elkins 16, Darrel Mills 16.

The Fourth grade won out in the total number of tags sold. This was made possible by the large number sold by Lois Stewart. The Fourth has a credit of 162 tags sold. Those who sold ten or more in this grade were: Lois Stewart 43, Ogden Mills 18, Essie Reams 15, Ralph Haner 14, Marjorie Wilson 10.

The First grade stood next in line with 142 tags to their credit. Violet Mills sold 31, Dorris Claypool 23, Collins Elkins 16, Cora Poindexter 10.

The Third grade sold 121, giving them third position. Those who sold ten or more were Alma Green 14, Dell Cooper 14, Clista Houston 14, Ruby Becker 13, Flora Edwards 10, Eugene Hiney 10.

The Fifth grade sold 96, with Bernice Shipp 12, Lawrence Lippincott 10, Pete Augustine 10.

The Second grade sold 72. Edith Gray 12, Weldon Hyde 10, Velma Shattuck 10, Eula Noble 10.

The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades did not make very good records. However, a few of the pupils did well.

In the Sixth Darrel Mills sold 16 and Esther Adamson 15. In the Eighth most of the work was done by Mildred Dishman and Estelle Conway, each selling 18. The Seventh grade sold the least number. Dessel Johnson sold 11.

The pupils, especially in the lower grades, worked hard and deserve credit for their work.

The money earned has been deposited in the bank in the name of the Parent-Teachers' Association and will be used by the School Board and Association in purchasing books, tools and materials that are most needed in the different grades.

the world's record as field ratters, were equally enthusiastic in being honored as a part of the Christmas surprise.

The night before Christmas little "Tom" McCall and Henry, who is still tinier, will hang their stockings before the McCall fireplace, and the next morning, when they awaken, they are apt to find a little kitten in each.

"Santa" Lawson's magnificent gift is quite in line with the interest he has displayed in the McCall's Oregon ranch, which some day may become a second "Dreamwold."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A Happy New Year

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